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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, I am transmitting the following amendment of the Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG) 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for your approval.

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 18 | Local Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">Modifies funding for a project in the lump-sum Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) program. Prior year funding has been decreased to reflect actual obligations, federal HBRR and local match amounts were decreased in Fiscal Years (FYs) 2004/05 and 2005/06 and increased in FYs 2006/07 and 2007/08. (See Enclosed). |

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 18 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plans, meets all applicable transportation planning requirements Per 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 450, and meets the transportation conformity regulations Per 40 CFR 93.122. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by COFCG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

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It should be noted that this amendment initially contained modifications for a Transportation Enhancement project. The COFCG subsequently requested that the project be removed from this amendment request.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The COFCG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray, of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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